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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is purely getting information from the Chief Minister in his personal capacity. He must be prepared to disclose the reply he had sent to the Secretary, All-India Congress Committee, in his personal capacity. It is not an official matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I want to know whether the reply sent by the Government to the Central Government is different from the one that the Chief Minister sent in his personal capacity to the Secretary, All-India Congress Committee."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have not seen the reply sent by the Chief Minister to the General Secretary, All-India Congress Committee, in his personal capacity. I know only the reply sent by this Government to the Government of India." (Laughter.)

Collection of contributions from villagers for the Community Project works.

* 94 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of work connected with Community Projects is very slow in the State on account of the fact that the villagers are not contributing the share of 50 per cent of the cost;

(b) if so, the alternative schemes suggested by the Government to carry on the Community Project works steadily and quickly; and

(c) the measures taken by the District Collectors to persuade the villagers to contribute equal shares for Community Project works?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) Slow progress of work in some of the projects is partly due to the difficulty in collecting contributions. As, however, the Community Project is a people's project and their participation is essential, there can be no alternative to it and works will be executed only where the villagers come forward with their share.

" (c) The Collectors are persuading the people to make contributions by propaganda through the project personnel and other departmental officials and non-official agencies."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" தலைவர் அவர்களே, சமுதாய நல அபிவிருத்தித் திட்டத்தின் கீழ் செலவாகும் பணத்தில் ஒரு பகுதியை அந்தந்த கிராம மக்கள் கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லுகிறார். அந்த மாதிரியாக ஒரு பகுதி பணத்தைத் தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட மக்கள் கொடுக்க முடியாததின் காரணமாக இந்த சமுதாய நல அபிவிருத்தித் திட்டங்களால் அவர்களுக்கு எந்த விதமான நன்மையும் கிடையாது என்பது வாஸ்தவமா ? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The hon. Member is not perhaps aware of what is happening in the villages. As a matter of fact, when I visited a number of roads in the Chidambaram Community Project area, I was taken only to areas which were inhabited by poor Harijans and they all took me with all enthusiasm and showed me how they were able to lay the roads themselves and how they were interested in the further improvement of the roads. These works depend upon their enthusiasm and contribution of their own labour."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" சமுதாய நல அபிவிருத்தித் திட்டப் பிரதேசங்கள் சிலவற்றில் பொது மக்களுடைய ஒத்துழைப்புக் கிடைக்காததினால் அந்தப் பிரதேசங்களில் எடுத்துக்கொண்ட வேலையை கண்டிராக்டர்கள் வசம் ஒப்புவிக்கப்பட்டிருப்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? அந்தந்தப் பிரதேச மக்களால் பணம் கொடுக்க முடியாத நிலைமை எற்பட்டால் குடி தண்ணீர் வசதி செய்து கொடுப்பதில் மாத்திரம் அவர்கள் பண உதவி கிடைக்காவிட்டாலும் கூட நன்மை செய்து கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Regarding drinking water-supply for areas inhabited by poor **Harijans**, Government do waive contribution from the people."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" சமுதாய நல அபிவிருத்தித் திட்டங்களுக்குச் செலவாகும் பணத்தில் பாதித் தொகையை ஹரிஜன மக்கள் கொடுக்க முடியாதிருப்பதன் காரணமாக அவர்கள் வசிக்கும் பிரதேசங்களில் நடக்கும் வேலைக்கு ஜில்லா போர்டோ, பஞ்சாயத்து போர்டோ, அல்லது ஹரிஜன நல இலாகாவோ பாதிப்பணம் கொடுக்கத் தயாராக இருந்தால் அதை எற்றுக்கொள்ள சர்க்கார் உத்திரவு பிறப்பிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There should be no difficulty about that, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In view of the fact that the success or failure of the Community Projects or National Extension Service schemes depends upon the capacity of the poor persons to pay or contribute money and in view of the fact that there are many villages which are not covered by these schemes, will the Hon. Minister consider the introduction of other comprehensive schemes to supplement the Community Project and National Extension Service schemes? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The main aim behind the Community Projects and the National Extension Service schemes is participation of the people for the purpose of securing various amenities. Of course there is the normal provision in the administration for catering to the needs of the people and this is done in a different way."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMY THEVAR :—" Is it not a fact that the 50 per cent contribution for Community Project works is a great success because the Government had selected the most fertile areas with an assured water-supply? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Of course, originally, Community Project areas were selected from out of areas with an assured water-supply. But I may tell the House that National Extension Service Scheme is also successful in dry areas like the one which is represented by the hon. Member."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of reducing the people's contribution in highly undeveloped areas? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The contribution expected of the people is not necessarily 50 per cent. It is sometimes less than 50 per cent."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" Sir, சமுதாய நல அபிவிருத்தித் திட்ட வேலைகளையும் தேசிய விஸ்தரிப்பு திட்ட வேலைகளையும் நடத்துவதற்கு தகுதியுடையவர்களையெல்லாம் வேலைக்கு சேர்த்துக்கொள்ள உடனடியாக கலெக்டர் அவர்களுக்கு உத்தரவு அனுப்பி அவைகளை நல்ல முறையில் நடத்துவதற்கு வேண்டிய காரியங்களை எல்லாம் செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Whatever the hon. Member suggests is already being done, Sir."

Admission of Muslim candidates to the Government Medical Colleges.

* 95 Q.—SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state— 11-30 a.m.

(*a*) the number of candidates selected for admission to the M.B.B.S. class in the Government Medical Colleges in the State in the last selection ;

(*b*) the number of Muslim candidates who applied for admission ;

(*c*) the number of Muslim applicants belonging to Backward Classes ;

(*d*) the number of candidates who were selected from among the candidates under clauses (*b*) and (*c*) ;

(*e*) the number of candidates who had secured the marks prescribed by the rules for eligibility for admission among the candidates under (*b*) and (*c*) ; and

(*f*) the number of those who had secured first classes in the Intermediate examination among the candidates under (*b*) and (*c*); and who were not selected?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 286.

" (*b*) *to* (*f*) In view of the Constitutional changes and judicial decisions, no column has been provided in the application forms issued from 1952–53 onwards, for the specification of the sub-community to which the candidates belong. The column seeking information regarding the candidates' religion has also been omitted from this year. Candidates are now